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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA IS TO SET UP A PUBLIC COMPANY UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO PURCHASE AND OPERATE A DEEP-SEA FISHING FLEET AND THE FISHING TERMINAL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS IS A PART OF THE FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS IT RELATES TO FISHING AND IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE 24 MILLION POUNDS OF FISH ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

2. UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE GOJ IS TO ACQUIRE 30 FISHING VESSELS IN THE SIZE RANGE OF 45-70 FEET OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR THE OPERATION OF A NATIONAL FISHING FLEET ON JAMAICAN FISHING BANKS AND IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. THE GOVERNMENT'S OPERATION WILL BE PART OF A JOINT VENTURE WITH OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

3. ACCORDING TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT, A STUDY HAS INDICATED
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THAT THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SECTOR OF THE PEDRO BANKS (WITHIN JAMAICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS) WILL ACCOMMODATE A FLEET OF TWELVE VESSELS IN THE 45 FOOT RANGE, THESE ARE ESTIMATED TO COST US\$50,000 A PIECE. THE REPORT STATES THAT FINANCIAL ACCORD HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR FUNDING OF THIS PROJECT. MEANWHILE, THE NEWSPAPER REPORT CONTINUE, A WEST GERMAN

LENDING AGENCY, KREDITANSTALT FUR WIEDERAUFBAU, HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF 18 VESSELS OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. THESE WILL BE IN TWO SIZE RANGES, 66 - 70 FEET AND 45 FEET. THE LARGER BOATS ARE EXPECTED TO COST US\$225,000 EACH.

4. THE FISHING PORT COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT NEWPORT EAST WILL PROVIDE BERTHING, LOADING, SERVICING, REPAIR, CLEANING, COLD STORAGE AND OTHER FACILITIES. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER. WHEN THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS COMPLETED, IT WILL HAVE ACCOMMODATION FOR BETWEEN 50 AND 60 BOATS. IT IS BEING FINANCED JOINTLY BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOJ.

5. THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN ALSO ENVISIONED THE SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF INLAND FISHERIES. A TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF J\$29.1 MILLION IS PROJECTED OVER THE PERIOD BY BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS. THE BROAD OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM INDICATES CONCENTRATION ON THE PRODUCTION OF STOCKING MATERIAL, TESTING AND ORGANIZATION OF MARKETS, ADDITIONAL TRAINING OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND A FURTHER STUDY OF THE ECONOMICS OF INTENSIVE INLAND FISH PRODUCTION. FUNDING FOR THE 1978-79 FISCAL YEAR WILL BE USAID: J\$667,000; GOJ: J\$2.09 MILLION. INTERESTED U.S. SUPPLIERS SHOULD CONTACT:
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